

North Carolina Honors Association Fall 2016 Conference



Innovations in Pedagogy, Research, and Learning:
Using Play, Performance, and Improvisation

Hosted by



**LLOYD
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The University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Welcome to Greensboro!



On behalf of Lloyd International Honors College, it is my pleasure to welcome you to The University of North Carolina at Greensboro for the 2016 North Carolina Honors Association Conference.

We have planned an array of sessions and activities for students, faculty, and staff. We look forward to meeting each of you and we hope that you're able to come away from the conference with ideas about how to incorporate play, performance, and improvisation into your respective Honors programs. Here in the Honors College we use play, performance, and improvisation as a way of enhancing the academic excellence, impact, and innovation that we expect our students to have in the world.

I am especially excited to present our keynote speaker, Dr. Lois Holzman, a world-class Vygotskian scholar of the developmental power of play at all ages. Her talk during the Friday evening banquet is entitled "Honoring your Playfulness." If you have any questions or need assistance at any point over weekend, do not hesitate to find me or one of our wonderfully talented (and playful) staff members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Omar H. Ali".

Omar H. Ali, Ph.D.

Interim Dean & Professor, Lloyd International Honors College
Carnegie Foundation North Carolina Professor of the Year, 2016

WITH GRATITUDE

We want to thank the many volunteers, students, and staff who have helped make this conference run smoothly.

- UNCG Honors Ambassadors
- UNCG OWLS Mentors
- Kate Langley and Nikki Yopp, our fantastic student assistants
- Margaret Patton, our Administrative Support Associate who has provided seamless organization and support



PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Friday, October 7th, 2016

Location: Kaplan Center for Wellness

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| 5:00 - 5:45pm | Check-In: area by Welcome Desk (main floor) |
| 5:45 - 8:00pm | Banquet and Keynote, Two Court Gym (lower level) |
| 8:30 - 9:30pm | Student Trivia Night
Location: Elliott University Center (EUC) Kirkland |

Saturday, October 8th, 2016

Location: Bryan Building

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| 7:30 - 8:30am | Check-in & Breakfast: area by Bryan Building, Room 160 |
| 8:30 - 9:30am | Session # 1 |
| 9:40 - 10:40am | Session # 2 |
| 10:50 - 11:50am | Session # 3 |
| 12:00 - 1:15pm | Photo & Boxed Lunch |
| 1:15 - 3:00pm | Student Activities & Faculty Discussions |
| 3:00 - 3:30pm | Final Discussions & Awards Ceremony: Bryan Building, Room 160 Auditorium |

BANQUET AND KEYNOTE

“Honor Your Playfulness”

Friday, October 7th, 2016

05:45 PM - 08:00 PM

The feature of Friday night will be a banquet-style dinner featuring brief announcements and remarks from the conference planning team and a presentation by the conference’s keynote speaker, Lois Holzman.

Lois Holzman is a passionate advocate for tools and practices that empower people to transform the alienation and passivity of our culture—and she’s found play to be one of the most powerful transformers. A pioneer of a new “psychology of becoming” that incorporates play, performance and practical philosophy to inspire life-long human development through group creativity, her work builds on that of Russian psychologist Lev Vygotsky, who advanced the understanding of learning and development in early childhood as social, cultural, improvisational and playful. As director of the non-profit East Side Institute and lead organizer of the biennial Performing the World conferences, Lois helps to create and support a new generation of play revolutionaries. She travels the world bringing her message to groups as varied as rock climbing experiential educators, corporate leadership consultants, postmodern psychotherapists, Chinese Marxist philosophers, Brazilian youth workers, Bangladeshi business students, and teenagers from America’s inner-cities. A contributor to *Psychology Today* (“A Conceptual Revolution”), Lois is writing her ninth book online as an experiment in group creativity, in which readers respond to each chapter as she writes it (*The Overweight Brain: How Our Obsession with Knowing Keeps Us from Getting Smart Enough to Make a Better World*).



OTHER SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Students

Trivia Night

Friday at 8:30 pm Elliott University Center (EUC) Kirkland

This will be a fun time for students to network and mingle while competing for prizes in a fun and entertaining environment. UNCG students will lead interested students over to the EUC once the Banquet is over. Snacks will be available.

Innovations in Pedagogy Showcase

Saturday at 1:15 pm; Bryan Building, Room 112

All students are encouraged to participate in this exciting event where we will explore creative ways to teach others. Students will be split into groups and given a teaching prompt at which point they will work together to devise creative and innovative ways to explore the topic.

Faculty/Staff

Business Meeting and Faculty Discussions

Saturday at 1:15 pm to 3:00 pm; Bryan Building, Room 106

There will be a NCHA business meeting for faculty and staff that leads into further faculty discussions until 3:00 pm.



SCHEDULE OF PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS

Session #1

8:30 am - 9:30 am

Bryan Building, Room 104

Exploring Millennials' Social Media Usage and Green Consumption Behavior

Stephanie Bedard, Elon University

This research investigates the intersection of sustainable consumption, social media, and online interpersonal influence in a millennial context.

Sustainability: A Vessel for Systemic Change and Student Empowerment

Metis K. Meloche, UNC Asheville

A case -study of the student -led initiative to implement compostable utensils. Illustrating the benefits of cross- departmental partnerships through sincere partnerships and focused collaboration, genuine change is both created and sustained.

Bryan Building, Room 105

An Honors Trip to Thailand

Alexis McNeill, University of Mount Olive

Each year, Juniors from the University of Mount Olive's Honor Program travel to an international destination of their own choosing. Students prepare for the trip by learning about that nation's history, heritage, and culture. This presentation focuses on the trip to Thailand taken this past May, 2016.

The Art of Improvisation Abroad

Laura Shactman, UNC Greensboro

During my study abroad experience I had many trials and tribulations, success and failures. The ability to think on your feet and the art of improvisation is an essential skill to acquire while studying abroad. All the events I experienced, the good and the bad all made the experience worthwhile and contain memories I will cherish the rest of my life.

Bryan Building, Room 111

Decisions and Revisions: Building Honors at a Small Rural CC

Gaylyn Eddy and Daniela Newland, Robeson Community College

In its third year, the Honors Program at Robeson Community College has graduated its first cohort. The co-directors will discuss key challenges and decisions to growing the program.

Got Privilege?: A Collaborative Diversity-related Honors Capstone Project

Patrick Bahls, UNC Asheville

This presentation will describe a series of workshops on diversity, equity, and inclusion designed and delivered by senior Honors students at UNC Asheville.

Bryan Building, Room 128

Intellectual Engagement through Cultivated Community in Elon University's Honors Fellows Program

Ben Bridges, Elon University

Recognizing that intellectual community within Honors programs can extend past the walls of a classroom, Elon University's Honors Program created a student leadership role to develop the social side of academics.

Revolutionary Pedagogy: How Incorporating Play with Dialogue Frees the Classroom

Omar Obregon-Cuebas, UNC Greensboro

In this presentation I will synthesize the systems of two advocates for revolutionary pedagogy: Freire and Holzman. They seek to develop the student and teacher as people rather than objects.

Session #2

9:40 am - 10:40 am

Bryan Building, Room 104

Thanks, Paul: An Evaluation of the Interpretation of 1 Timothy Chapter 2: 11-15

Katelyn Vause, Lenoir-Rhyne University

This talk examines a controversial passage in the Bible related to women in leadership roles and explores how an understanding of cultural context reshapes the interpretation of that passage.

An Evaluation of Judith Thomson's Trolley Problem

Dominic Chiellini, UNC Greensboro

The trolley problem attempts to cast doubt on the claim that killing is worse than letting die. It will be my aim to bring to light the key distinction in regards to killing and letting die.

Bryan Building, Room 105

Mosaic Down Syndrome, an Analysis of Development

Tyler Cox, Robeson Community College

This presentation will present the thought of those suffering from Mosaic Down syndrome are smarter and function on a higher level as compared to those with just Down syndrome.

A Worrier's Mind: Investigating a Possible Correlation Between Prevention Orientation and Cognitive Distortions

Anna Warner, UNC Greensboro

A previous study showed that depressed individuals who focus on preventing bad things from happening could benefit from cognitive therapy. My research investigates whether those individuals have more cognitive distortions.

Bryan Building, Room 111

Recruiting Potential Honors Students - Optional Sleepover

Stefanie Milovic, Elon University

This presentation focuses on the concept of a student--run program targeting prospective Honors students for recruitment purposes. I will particularly address the pros and cons of this being a student--run program rather a university--run program.

Building an Active Honors Student Administration

Emmanuel Hartman and Alexandra van Dorsten

We formed a successful student administrative body that encourages scholarship and community. The Student Honors Advisory Committee (SHAC) plans academic and social events that engage honors students, creating a family.

Bryan Building, Room 128

Filling the Cracks with the Sax: Using Music to Set the Tone for Critical Thinking

Molly Hopper, Mars Hill University

This interactive presentation will explore how using musical demonstrations can instigate creative dialogue that forms a community of critical thinkers in any context.

Breaking the Frame: Viewer Immersion and Incongruous Video Formats

Forest Gamble, UNC Asheville

Atypical means of visual representation (such as 3D, virtual reality, and vertical cinema) have spawned their own distinctive methods of storytelling in response to changing habits of consumption.

Session #3

10:50 am - 11:50 pm

Bryan Building, Room 104

A Devastating Disease: Our Beliefs About HIV/AIDS

Abigail Stephens, UNC Asheville

This talk gives an explanation of the history, biology and epidemiology of HIV. It aims to clear up misconceptions about the disease, along with showing our progress and our deficits.

Identification of New Quorum Sensing Peptide from *Staphylococcus caprae*

Nadjali Chung, UNC Greensboro

This study identified the AIP produced by *Staphylococcus caprae* using high-resolution mass spectrometry and found that a synthetic peptide matching the predicted structure caused inhibition of the *Staphylococcus aureus* quorum-sensing system.

Bryan Building, Room 105

Ethos in the Writing Center: A Study of Consultant Identity Construction

Olivia Wood, UNC Greensboro

A pilot study investigating how the age and gender of writing center consultants impacts the strategies they use in sessions.

Pornography's Influence on Sexuality

Ariana Farrington, Robeson Community College

This presentation will discuss the positive and negative impacts pornography may have on an individual's understanding and expectation of sex.

Bryan Building, Room 111

A Historical Comparison of Family Structure: The Cherokee and the English

Joshua Park, Robeson Community College

The Native American tribes of the Southeast, particularly the Cherokee, have traditionally maintained a matrilineal family structure. Comparing this structure to the structure of the English reveals several complex social machinations.

Is Mortgage Loan Discrimination Present in Guilford County? An Analysis of the Available Data

Phillip Sheldon, UNC Greensboro

Based on research done at the Center for Housing and Community Studies, this talk focuses on the difference in denial rates between races when applying for mortgages in Guilford County.

Bryan Building, Room 128

Sacred Reality, Phenomenology, and the Politics of Religious Studies

Jerry Pcolar, UNC Asheville

Sacred reality inhabits a realm that is difficult to define. This presentation speaks to how UNC Asheville's Religious Studies Department uses academic inquiry to investigate a different mode of existence.

To the Point: Accessible P2P Email Encryption based on CLOW-GKA

Dakota White, UNC Asheville

Email is currently one of the premiere forms of communication around the world, meaning that critical information for both individuals and organizations is constantly being transferred. Point to point encryption is becoming the new standard for email encryption in order to ensure privacy, integrity, and security of sensitive data.

Poster Sessions - Bryan Building, Room 132

All posters will be on display in Bryan Building (Room 132) during Sessions 2 and 3 (from 9:40 am to 11:50 am) on Saturday morning. Those who are presenting a poster are asked to be present for at least 30 minutes during this block of time. **Easels will *not* be provided.**

Power of the People Becoming

Aliyah Ruffin, UNC Greensboro

I will be presenting on a service project called Community Play!/All Stars Project. I will discuss the power of performance, play, and how improvisation is a tool for building character.

Developing Nursing Leadership in an International Perspective: A Systematic Literature Review

Ankita Mishra, East Carolina University

Ankita Mishra, ECU Honors College Junior majoring in public health, will share her results from an ongoing international research project initiated at HAN University in the Netherlands.

Alzheimers Disease: More than Just Memory Loss

Michelle Evans, Gardner Webb University

A new research development about Alzheimer's Disease/Dementia. Research has shown a type of enzyme known as acid sphingomyelinase ("ASM") as well as other enzymes that have been recently proven to be associated with this disease. As research studies have been conducted to test this hypothesis, a plan for prevention has been introduced.

Do HBCUs Make the Grade?

Dea'vion Kris-Shae Godfrey, Robeson Community College

From inception, HBCUs have confronted several issues, which may have been prevented if society viewed these institutions and their purpose with an attitude of opportunity rather than one of irrelevancy.

Conservation Genetics of the Brook Trout *Salvelinus fontinalis*

Julia Horiates, East Carolina University

Brook trout species, *Salvelinus fontinalis*, has declined in eastern Pennsylvania due to environmental stress. Genetic analyses examine diversity and divergence to conserve their status as game fish while maintaining populations.

Graph Based Anomaly Detection using MapReduce on Network Records

Brandon Joyce, UNC Greensboro

In order to identify network intrusions, Hadoop MapReduce may be used to detect anomalies by modeling network record logs as graphs and then applying a graph compression algorithm.

The role of pre-replication Complex Proteins in Drosophila Ovarian Stem Cell Maintenance

Justin Safin, East Carolina University

Knockdown of MCM10 show a reduction in the number of stem cells present and an increase the amount of S-phase cells which is an indication of an altered cell cycle.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Humans vs. Zombies

Humans vs. Zombies is a game of tag played at schools, camps, neighborhoods, libraries, and conventions around the world. Human players must remain vigilant and defend themselves with socks and dart blasters to avoid being tagged by a growing zombie horde. Students on campus will be beginning their participation in this game on Friday evening so do not be alarmed by this behavior.

WiFi

UNC Greensboro participates in the EDUROAM network which is the secure, world-wide roaming access service developed for the international research and education community. eduroam allows students, researchers and staff from participating institutions to obtain Internet connectivity across campus and when visiting other participating institutions by simply opening their laptop. If your institution is also a member, you should be able to use your login here.

Additionally, we have an unsecured wireless Guest network. Select UNCG-Guest from the choice of wireless networks, open a browser (Chrome, Firefox, Safari, etc.), and fill out the visitor registration page to gain access to this network.

Restrooms

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro prides itself on being a welcome environment for visitors of all gender identities. Use the restroom you feel most comfortable with, but know that there are single-stall restrooms available in the Elliott University Center if needed. Feel free to ask a Conference volunteer for directions or assistance locating them.

Lost and Found

All lost items will be collected and held at Conference Registration. Stop by the registration desk if you have misplaced an item or if you have found a lost item that needs to be connected with its owner.

Parking

Conference attendees are asked to park in the Oakland parking deck (617 Stirling St, Greensboro, NC 27412). You need to take a ticket on your way into the deck, but the gates will be operating on a “free exit” schedule during your time at NCHA conference 2016.

Directions

Oakland Parking Deck to Kaplan Wellness Center

Once you park in the Oakland Deck, exit to the Forest St side on Floor 2. You will see potted flowers. Head toward the potted flowers, away from campus toward Gate City Blvd and you will see a Pedestrian Underpass. Take this underpass and you will find yourself on W. Gate City Blvd. Cross the street at the intersection and turn right. Follow W. Gate City Blvd until you come to the Kaplan Wellness Center on your left, just past the construction.

Oakland Parking Deck to Bryan Building

Once you park in the Oakland Deck, exit to the Spring Garden St. side on Floor 1. If you walk forward, you will come to the intersection of Stirling St and Spring Garden Street. Cross at this intersection and pass the School of Education building on your left. The Bryan Building is the building directly beyond the School of Education building on your left.

Look for Honors Ambassadors dressed in red t-shirts with Lloyd International Honors College on the front for assistance.

Restaurant Guide

Coffee:

Coffeology

- 423 Tate St, Greensboro, NC 27403
- Warm & convivial cafe offering an extensive menu of creative coffee drinks, plus panini & gelato. // \$

Tate Street Coffee House

- 334 Tate St, Greensboro, NC 27403
- Funky local cafe with live music pouring fair trade java along with pastries, sandwiches & wine. // \$

Green Joe's Coffee Company

- 2915 Battleground Ave., Greensboro, NC 27408
- The drink menu at this modern and stylish coffee shop is a people-pleaser, including traditional espresso-and-milk drinks, house-made sodas, smoothies, frozen and blended sweet drinks, and cold brew on tap. // \$

The Green Bean

- 341 S Elm St, Greensboro, NC 27401
- Neighborhood coffee shop with espresso drinks, wine, craft beers & live music every weekend. // \$

Food:

Crafted, The Art of the Taco

- 219-A S Elm St, Greensboro, NC 27401
- Creative joint serving global-inspired gourmet tacos & burgers, with beer & vegan options available. // \$\$

Jack's Corner Deli

- 1601 Spring Garden St, Greensboro, NC 27403
- Bare-bones outpost for a Mediterranean comfort-food menu of falafel, gyros & deli sandwiches. // \$

Green Valley Grill

- Friendly Center, 622 Green Valley Rd, Greensboro, NC 27408
- European fare, wines & afternoon tea in a sprawling setting with a courtyard & separate lounge. // \$\$\$

Print Works Bistro

- 702 Green Valley Rd, Greensboro, NC 27408
- Creative, all-day New American fare & an ample wine list in a refined setting with a leafy patio. // \$\$

Hop's Burger Bar

- 2419 Spring Garden St, Greensboro, NC 27403
- Casual burger joint offering patties with locally grown ingredients, plus a bar & craft brews. // \$\$

Sticks & Stones Pizza

- 2200 Walker Ave, Greensboro, NC 27403
- Eco-friendly parlor with a wood-burning oven turning out pies topped with local veggies & meat. // \$\$

Natty Greene's Pub and Brewing Co.

- 345 S Elm St, Greensboro, NC 27401
- Pub with many craft beers on tap, including year-round & seasonal on-site brews, plus brewery tours, along with a full lunch and dinner menu. // \$\$

Dame's Chicken & Waffles

- 301 Martin Luther King Jr Dr, Greensboro, NC 27406
- Easygoing spot offering classic waffle combinations, plus vegan, sweet potato & gingerbread options. // \$\$

Scrambled Southern Diner

- 2417 Spring Garden St, Greensboro, NC 27403
- Eclectic breakfast & lunch spot with hearty American dishes, regional draft beers & outdoor seating. // \$\$

Pastabilities

- 1726 Battleground Ave, Greensboro, NC 27408
- An eclectic menu with build-your-own-pastas, plus wines & craft beers, in a casual, modern setting. // \$\$

Dessert:

Cheesecake's by Alex

- 315 S Elm St, Greensboro, NC 27401
- Storefront bakery offering many flavors of the namesake treat with ice cream, coffee & Wi-Fi. // \$

Maxie B's

- Garden Square, 2403 Battleground Ave, Greensboro, NC 27408
- Cake & sweets bakery serving baked goods by the slice in a cafe setting, plus seasonal selections. // \$\$

Drinks:

Joymongers

- 576 N Eugene St, Greensboro, NC 27401
- Owned and operated by Greensboro natives, this dog-friendly joint all about small batch brewing, providing customers with up to 17 finely crafted brews. // \$\$

Jake's Billiards

- 1712 Spring Garden St # B, Greensboro, NC 27403
- The perfect place for a low-key happy hour featuring pool tables, corn hole, ping pong, darts, and TV's galore. // \$

Old Town Draught House

- 1205 Spring Garden St, Greensboro, NC 27403
- Clubby pub vibe with a long list of beers on tap & menu of sandwiches, pizzas & other tavern fare. // \$